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**Readout of the President's Call with Prime Minister Rutte of the Netherlands**

President Obama called Prime Minister Rutte of the Netherlands this evening to express condolences to the people of the Netherlands for the tragic death of Dutch citizens traveling on Malaysia Airlines Flight 17. The President told the Prime Minister the United States was prepared to contribute immediate assistance to support a prompt, full, credible, and unimpeded international investigation. The President and Prime Minister agreed on the need to assure immediate access to the site of the incident to international investigators in order to facilitate the recovery of remains and to carry out a thorough investigation.

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